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Board Adds "Silver" Lining to Crestline Library Project

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors increased the design budget for the planned Crestline Library so architects can incorporate Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standards in the building design.

The additional \$90,500 approved by the Board will also cover the cost of creating a three-dimensional library rendering for use during public presentations. The adjustment brings the design budget to \$389,030.

"The Board is committed to delivering County facilities that adhere to rigorous green building standards so we can conserve resources such as energy and water and lessen our impacts on the environment," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane, who represents the Crestline communities as the Second District Supervisor.

The U.S. Green Building Council – a nonprofit consortium of builders, corporations, government agencies and others – developed LEED standards to provide guidelines for "green" building practices worldwide.

During the launch of "Green County San Bernardino" in August, the Board of Supervisors agreed to incorporate LEED Silver standards in all new County buildings and in major renovation projects. "Green County San Bernardino" also included building fee waivers to promote the commercial and residential use of solar and wind power as well as energy-efficient air-conditioners and water heaters. So far, the County has granted 78 waivers, mostly for rooftop solar projects.

The planned Crestline Library will be centrally located at 24105 Lake Drive in Crestline next to the Crestline Skatepark and Village Park and across from Lake Gregory

Regional Park. The new library will be 7,665 square feet, more than double the size of the existing branch library located at 23555 Knapps Cutoff.